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Elba City Council makes it official

## Elba Police Chief withdraws resignation

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting opened Monday evening with the official announcement that Police Chief R. W. Whitworth had withdrawn his written resignation. Mayor James Grimes explained that Whitworth had met with the council members during the recent (publicly announced) budget work session and agreed to continue his duties.

The council officially approved the budget for the year 2001-2002 as it was presented at the last council meeting and detailed in this newspaper two weeks ago. This budget calls for a \$105,000 increase in revenue, largely in transfers from the Elba Water and Electric Board.

A new detailed pay scale for city employees was adopted. This change is designed to give incentive to employees who excel in their job performance, take job related training courses, and set positive examples of the City to visitors and other employees. It includes a maximum of 210 steps from the beginning Category of a G1 at Step 1 to a G14 at Step 15. The pay scale adopted also includes pay ranges for various positions within the city government. Council member Ronnie Hammond voted against the

proposal and later declined to comment on his reasons for the negative vote.

The council adopted a group of five amendments to city ordinances dealing with the sewer system. The changes increase the basic charge for a new sewer tap and sewer deposits plus spelling out the penalty for late and/or non-payment of fees. The new charges are effective on October 1st. Mayor Grimes presented data showing the amount of fees written off, compared to deposits and in one month the write off for sewer and garbage pick up was \$534 and the total deposits from those customers was \$55. Two other months showed similar deficits.

The council also adopted a resolution dealing with the Boat loan from the State of Alabama for Dorsey Trailers. This spells out the management fees for the loan, payable to SEAla Regional Development. The management fees will be part of the loan cost and will not be an expense to the City of Elba.

A review of the financial statement by Mayor Grimes showed revenue for the first eleven months of the fiscal year down by about \$32,000 and is due to receiving no previously budgeted funds from SEAla Gas this year and a drop in expected sales tax receipts. Along with

the drop in revenue, the mayor reported expenditures were \$24,000 under budget due to a continuing effort by city employees to curtail costs.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported that the major sewer project is completed except for some warranty work in several places around town.

An update to traffic ordinances was presented at the recommendation of City Attorney Jeff Kelley, but was not considered when two council members, Harold Spicer and Ronnie Hammond voted against suspending the rules to allow immediate consideration. The ordinance will be on the agenda for the next regular meeting and will only need a majority vote to pass.

The council accepted the recommendation of Mayor Grimes and appointed Jr. Culver to the South Central Mental Health Board. Other members from Elba include Gerald Tucker and Nell Gilmer.

Attorney Kelley told the council members the property appraiser has the first 30 appraisals ready in the levee project. These parcels of land are all outside the levee. Kelley said he would be getting with these property owners within the next few days.



**ELBA'S LARGEST BONFIRE**...Dorsey Trailers helped the Elba High School football players, cheerleaders, band, students and supporters prepare for the first home game of the season last Thursday evening, Sept. 20, when the local business sponsored what was deemed "Elba's largest bonfire." There was a huge crowd on hand as most seemed to thoroughly enjoy the event. As indicated in the above photo, it was indeed a bonfire to remember as the flames weren't the only thing flying high. Community spirit led the way as Dorsey's new owners showed that they want to be and are a part of this community. For more highlights from the Thursday evening bonfire, please see Page 16.

## Daughter of Dorsey CEO visits Elba Street provides eyewitness details to terrorist attacks

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Melissa Street, daughter of Dorsey CEO Chriss Street, was an eye-witness to the terror of September 11th in New York.

She works for John Wiley & Sons, publishers, several blocks from the site of the World Trade Center, but close enough to be worried.

Last week, while visiting with her dad in Elba, she related some of her feelings from that day.

Melissa was going upstairs to a 10th floor meeting room when the first plane hit. As she entered the meeting room there were about 30 people already there and they were crowded against the large plate glass window looking South at the towers and the accompanying fire and billowing smoke. That is where they were when the second plane hit the trade towers. She

explained, "This smoke ball was black and ten times bigger!"

There were no televisions in the building and only a couple of portable radios, so they could get very little first hand information without going downstairs and out to a nearby bank, which had a large TV visible from the sidewalk. However, many people were crowded around this one, making it hard to get a glimpse of what was happening. Locally the radio stations were only able to report the rumors they were receiving and this added to the fear and uncertainty of the watching citizens. False rumors continued to fly around all morning, including stories of attacks on the White House and a Navy ship near New York being hit, etc."

"People were running around not knowing what to do. Some were crying more and more as the rumors continued and accelerated. I hesitated to go home to my apartment because of a feeling that I needed to be around people I knew and not alone in my apartment", she said.

"I was worrying about some



Melissa Street

close friends of mine who worked in the World Trade Center. There was no way to get into contact with them. The phone system was jammed and/or out of order. Ironically I could call my parents in California, but they couldn't call me in New York. My dad advised me to buy some food and water and go to my apartment."

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## Elba High School receives grant to plant Alabama wildflowers and trees

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Governor Don Siegelman put the check in the mail Tuesday, Sept. 25, as he announced that a check for \$1,000 had been sent to the Elba City Board of Education to plant wildflowers and Alabama trees.

Elba High School was selected to receive the award based upon an application submitted by the school, and Elba City Schools Superintendent Danny Weeks said the money will be distributed to the Agriculture department at the high school.

"They (ag students) will be planting wildflowers around the school to help beautify the campus and help the erosion prob-

lem," Weeks said. "We want our campus to be beautiful and this is just one way to do that."

In a letter to Weeks, Siegelman said he was delighted to see the school "participating in this valuable new environmental and quality of life educational program."

The new grant program was announced by the governor at an Earth Day celebration last spring in Birmingham, and all

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## Coffee County Commission revisits motion Sheriff's department employees get additional raise

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The insistence of a couple of commissioners during a regular bimonthly meeting of the commission led the Coffee County Commission to a different conclusion Monday morning, Sept. 24, concerning an item that had been voted against at the last meeting.

During the Sept. 10 meeting of the commission,

Commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion that the projected \$31,000 generated for the county through increased jail fees to municipalities be distributed among all employees of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and Jail as an extra raise along with the 2-step raise approved by the commission in the FY2002 budget for all county employees.

After a lengthy discussion, the commissioners voted down Stephens' motion at that meeting.

However, Monday morning, Sept. 24, Commissioner Kayo Lewis revisited the idea when he acknowledged that he had let his emotions get in the way of his vote at the previous meeting and said he would vote in favor of the motion if it were brought before the commission again.

Since Stephens' motion was voted down at the previous meeting, he could not bring the motion before the commission again, but Commissioner Bernest Brooks felt the same as Lewis.

"I feel the defeated motion should be brought back before us," said Brooks. "I think we should consider their (sheriff's department) request."

At the request of the commission, County Administrator Wilson Mobley read the motion made by Stephens' during the Sept. 10 meeting.

At that point, Brooks said he would like to make the motion again and Lewis provided the second.

Before voting on the matter, Commission Chairperson Linda Westbrook asked if there was any discussion, and the commissioners wasted no time in entering the discussion phase.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple immediately began citing starting salary rates for sheriff's department employees in surrounding counties.

"I think we are in line with our deputies' pay," said Dalrymple. "Pike County is the only one above us on starting pay."

Westbrook then made a motion that the matter be tabled so the commissioners would have additional time to discuss the matter. The motion died as it failed to receive a second.

"My protection, your protection is not based on other counties, it's based on what these gentlemen (sheriff's deputies) do in our county,"

— Bernest Brooks

Commissioner Jim Thompson said his only problem with giving the sheriff's department employees the additional raise is that the county cannot give every county employee the additional raise.

Commissioner Lewis responded to Thompson's concern by saying that the projected \$31,000 is money that the sheriff's department employees got for the county by going to the municipalities and asking them to agree to pay an additional \$5 for the housing of inmates at the county jail. Lewis said the county would not have this money if it were not for the sheriff's department employees, and he felt they should get it.

The motion passed with Commissioners Westbrook, Stephens, Lewis and Brooks voting in favor. Commissioners Dalrymple, Thompson and Tom Grimsley voted against it.

The estimated increase in salary for all sheriff's department and jail employees will be

a little over \$0.30. This is in addition to the 2-step raise approved by the commission for every county employee in the FY2002 budget.

Immediately after passing Brooks' motion, Commissioner Dalrymple made a motion that the county increase every employee's salary at the same amount as the sheriff's department and jail employees.

The motion received a second by Commissioner Grimsley.

As the discussion began on this matter, Grimsley said although he had provided the second to Dalrymple's motion, he would not be able to vote in favor of it.

After crunching some figures, Mobley said it would cost the commission approximately \$94,000 to give every county employee the same raise as the sheriff's department and jail employees.

Dalrymple's motion failed with a 6-1 vote against it.

"I think we've gone overboard to help the sheriff's

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## Area Happenings

**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL** On Friday, Sept. 28, the Elba Tigers will be at home against Phenixia, the New Brockton Gamecocks will travel to Hartford to take on Geneva County, the Kinston Bulldogs and Brantley Bulldogs will tangle in Brantley and the Zion Chapel Rebels will travel to Skipperville to battle G.W. Long. Kickoff for the Zion Chapel-GW Long game will be 7 p.m., and kickoff for all other games will be 7:30 p.m.

**CHAMBER BANQUET** The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet Thursday, Sept. 27 (TONIGHT), at 6:30 p.m. in the Elba High School commons area. Dress for the event will be casual.

**LIBRARY CANNED FOOD DRIVE** The Elba Public Library is having a canned food drive Oct. 1-13 for the Wiregrass Food Bank. Pay overdue fines by depositing canned foods to the library. Three cans of food will pay off \$5 in overdue fees.

**WILDLIFE MEETING** The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, announces a countywide public meeting for Coffee County on Friday, Oct. 12, at 6 p.m. in the New Brockton Farm Research Center. Wildlife biologists, fisheries biologists and conservation enforcement officers from the Division will be on-hand to discuss current programs, take questions and hear concerns.



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

During the days following the September 11th tragedy witnesses and many who later viewed the site were being interviewed on television and continued to use the word "surreal" to describe what they had seen during those fearful hours. That is not a word heard every day on the streets of Elba, Alabama, so to be sure we understood what they had seen and were describing, we looked up the word in the "big book." We were right in our translation, but again, in Elba, folks would have just said it was bizarre, weird, grotesque, a dream . . . just like the definitions in the "big book." Sometimes we have to reach back in the recesses of our brain to understand and keep up with some of these folks who don't always speak "Real English."

A friend correctly noted that one person in this country actually got some relief when the terrorists struck on September 11th. Representative Gary Condit, of California, was being beat into the ground every day but suddenly he became back page (or non) news. The only reference we have seen on him was a quote from a staffer who said he was busy at work with the House Intelligence Committee on matters dealing with the recent disasters.

The Alabama Legislature failed to agree on a reapportionment plan for the U. S. House of Representatives or the state school board during the recently completed special session. It is embarrassing every ten years our elected officials leave the issue to the federal courts for action, knowing redistricting is required after every census, and then spend the next ten years complaining about the unfairness of the districts. Ironically, this year it apparently wasn't a case of Democrats vs Republicans, but in fighting within the Democratic membership of the Alabama House this time around. Shame, shame.

It would have been so easy for the lawmakers to adopt the plan already agreed upon by all members of the U.S. House delegation (Democrats and Republicans) for their districts and the one already accepted by the state school board for their districts. Even after the lawmakers made some school board changes, which might have been better in the long run, they couldn't muster a majority of the House members who would vote yes on approval. We understand the fear of negative votes in the upcoming legislative elections controlled the action (or inaction), not duty and/or statesmanship. Again, shame, shame.

We are fielding a lot of questions on the status of the levee rebuild project lately. The bottom line is that the Corps of Engineers is waiting on Elba to acquire title to the necessary property before proceeding to bid. The project engineer said on Tuesday of last week that Washington would not allow his office (Mobile) to proceed with the bid advertising is real the property is available because there have been problems in the past when contractors had to sit and wait for the land title problems to be worked out. This can add considerable expense to the total cost of the project, according to the engineer.

E-mail has been discovered by millions of Americans. Following the September 11th events, our e-mail box has been flooded with some very good graphics, stories and poems related to the tragic happenings. In fact a few have been forwarded to us by as many as a dozen different people! We appreciate the interest in keeping us informed but finally gave up on acknowledging them all. The background behind the one most often sent to us offended some of the senders when they are told the history of the piece. It is the radio broadcast by the Canadian commentator and is very good . . . but it is twenty or thirty year old! You can date the piece by the reference to the Americans killed in the tornadoes "last spring." The man who first penned those words has been dead several years, according to a family member.

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## EDITORIAL

### President Bush prepares America for action

by Congressman Terry Everett

Last Thursday night, President George W. Bush addressed the nation and a joint session of Congress from the well of the House of Representatives. It was a moment like few others in our history for its significance for our nation's future and its unifying effect on a land still reeling from the trauma of unprecedented terrorist attacks.

No question about it, today America is strong in purpose and unified in spirit. The horrendous acts of terror and violence against our great land and many thousands of innocent civilians have only served to galvanize our peoples' resolve for justice.

In my years as a Congressman, I have attended many presidential addresses, but I have never witnessed such genuine bipartisan support and desire for cooperation. It was not a chamber divided by political agendas, as it often has been the case, but a chamber of Americans dedicated to protecting our land and seeking justice for so many who perished just because they, too, were Americans.

President Bush is calling on our armed forces and indeed the American people to be ready as the nation prepares for a potentially prolonged but necessary war on terrorism. Opinion polls after the presidential address show that over 90 percent of Americans support and endorse the President's call for justice. I can

assure you that your Congress is equally in agreement. After the horrific acts against innocent Americans on September 11, Congress quickly unified to pass legislation giving the President the funds and the authority to take necessary action to protect our homeland and go after those responsible for these cowardly acts of violence.

Both the House and Senate speedily approved a resolution authorizing the President to use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons. Additionally, Congress signed off on a \$40 billion emergency appropriations bill to help pay for rescue and recovery efforts after

the attacks as well as increase national security measures to protect our citizens from future such acts.

America is united behind our president and has demonstrated its patriotism through the display of countless US flags, volunteer efforts including numerous blood drives, and donations of supplies and money to help in the rescue and recovery effort. We are one people facing a common enemy. As President Bush stated to the nation: "The course of this conflict is not known, yet its outcome is certain. Endurance and fear, justice and cruelty, have always been at war, and we know that God is not neutral between them."

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 17, 2001, investigated the following incidents: one criminal possession of a forged instrument, four thefts of property, one attempted suicide, one disorderly conduct, one criminal mischief and two harassments.

The following arrests were made: one for possession of a forged instrument, one on a warrant, one for possession of marijuana, one for disorderly conduct and one for theft of property.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: four for speeding, one for a suspended driver's license, three for no insurance, two for violation of the seat belt law, one for no tag, one for violation of the noise ordinance, one for no driver's license, one for driver's license not in possession and one for running a stop sign.

That activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17** - Disturbance in progress reported at 581 County Rd. 502 (12:31 a.m.). River stage - 3.06 feet (6:14 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to the old United Super Parking Lot on the Troy Hwy. (7:21 p.m.). Routine activity.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18** - River stage - 3.07 feet (7:07 a.m.). Shoplifter reported at the Elba MarketPlace (8:00 p.m.). Alarm at Windham Lumber. Alarm at 11:25 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19** - Coffee County EMS

dispatched to 8193 Hwy. 875 (4:10 a.m.). River stage - 3.21 feet (6:33 a.m.). Alarm at the Elba Housing Authority (7:03 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1107 Mann Luther King Dr. (10:19 p.m.). Alarm at the Jewel Box (11:03 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20** - River stage - 3.33 feet (6:28 a.m.). Shoplifter reported at Elba MarketPlace (3:28 p.m.). Routine activity.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21** - River stage - 3.39 feet (7:00 a.m.). Wreck reported at the traffic light by the BP Station (12:24 p.m.). Alarm activated at Elba Elementary School (1:54 p.m.). Disturbance reported at Lot 2 of Powell Trailer Court (9:39 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22** - River stage - 3.36 feet (6:30 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Private Rd. 1208 (11:36 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1403 Smith Ave. (4:32 p.m.). Alarm activated at 1888 Martin Luther King Dr. (5:34 p.m.). Routine activity.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23** - River stage - 4.17 feet (6:06 a.m.). Disturbance reported at 715 Patton St. (6:32 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on County Rd. 408 (7:10 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 189 South (9:06 a.m.). Panic alarm activated at 1244 Martin Luther King Dr. (12:33 p.m.). Routine activity.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24** - River stage - 4.17 feet (6:06 a.m.). Disturbance reported at 715 Patton St. (6:32 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on County Rd. 408 (7:10 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 189 South (9:06 a.m.). Panic alarm activated at 1244 Martin Luther King Dr. (12:33 p.m.). Routine activity.

## Obituaries

### WILLIE RACHEL

Mr. Willie Wilford Rachel, age 74, of Elba, Ala., died September 20, 2001 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

Funeral services were held September 22, 2001 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Min. Raymond Elliott and Min. Jimmy Simmons officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Trudie Rachel, Elba; one daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Jerry Kirkland, Elba; one granddaughter, Amy Kirkland, Elba; two brothers, Lonnie Howard Rachel and John D. Rachel, both of Elba; three sisters, Mamie Cain, Nell Conley, both of Elba, and Nadine Kyser, Montgomery, Ala.

### CLARABELLE DAY

Mrs. Clarabelle Day, age 79, of New Brockton, Ala., died Sept. 18, 2001 in her residence.

Funeral services were held Sept. 23, 2001 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Dr. John Granger officiating. Burial followed at Barrance National Cemetery in Pensacola, Fla.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia L. Grimm, DeHofman, Carrollton, Ga.; one son, Rev. Jerry L. Potter, Columbus, Miss.; one sister, Barbara Horn, Carrollton, Ga.; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

### DEAL M. TAYLOR

Mrs. Deal M. Taylor, age 85, of the Pine Level Community, died September 23, 2001 at her residence.

Funeral services were held Sept. 25, 2001 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Wayne Webber officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Taylor was preceded in death by her husband, Wilburn "MacK" Taylor.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Bobbie and Alvin Cordell, Elba; one sister, Claude Mae Stewart, Elba; and one brother, Woodrow Morgan, Columbus, Ga.

### EWELL LEE YOUNG

Mr. Ewell Lee Young died September 19, 2001.

Funeral services were held Sept. 24, 2001 at St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church in Enterprise with Rev. C.J. Coleman officiating. Burial followed at St. Beulah Church Cemetery in Enterprise with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Young was preceded in death by his father, Ewell L. Young, and his mother, Charlotte Coley Searight.

Survivors include his children: Ewell, Francine, Anita, Teresa, Rodney, Gregory and Michael; four sisters: Anna, LouVenia, Virginia and Bobbie; a special friend: Shirley Tillman; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

### BERTHA MAE COLEMAN

Mrs. Bertha Mae Coleman, age 72, died September 19, 2001 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

Funeral services were held September 22, 2001 at True Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ with Bishop E.H. Hill officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her children: John Mitchell, Joe (Jaisy)

Mitchell, Evangelist Dorothy (Bishop E.H. Hill, Elba, Gloria (James) Kyles, Samson, Ida Mae Coleman, 28 great-grandchildren, one sister: Agnes Dixon, Elba; one brother and sister-in-law, Marshall and Leola Mitchell, Elba; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

### LUCILLE TERRY IVORY

Mrs. Lucille Terry Ivory, age 79, died September 20, 2001.

Funeral services were held September 25, 2001 at Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. W.H. Bass officiating. The burial was directed by Coleman Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ivory was preceded in death by her mother, Mrs. Lonnie, her husband, Maccos, two brothers, Woodrow Terry and Frederick Terry, three sisters, Eloise Terry, Ruby Terry, DuBoise and Raynell Terry, Shoemaker.

Survivors include one daughter, Marilee (Eddie) Rosborough, New York City, N.Y.; one son, Ronald Ivory, New York City, N.Y.; a brother, Theodore (Jean) Terry, Mobile; two aunts, Mollie Davis, Opp, and Pearl Mae Thomas, Chicago; granddaughters: Melissa (Moise) Charlott; a great-granddaughter: Marilee "Sweet Pea" Charlott, New York City, N.Y.; sister-in-law, Elma Sue Terry, New York City, N.Y.; brother-in-law, Dan Shoemaker, Pensacola, Fla.; and other relatives.

### MARY CAROLYN BRADLEY

Mrs. Mary Carolyn Bradley, age 63, of Dothan, Ala., died September 21, 2001. Funeral services were held September 23, 2001 at Basin Baptist Church with Rev. Lee Singletary officiating. Burial followed at New Home Cemetery with Kent-Thorne Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Bradley was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Survivors include three sisters: Louise Miller, Brewton, Ala.; Lucille "L" Thornton, Montgomery, Ala.; and Addie Pearl Forbes, Opp, Ala.; four brothers, Osburn Elba, Elba; Jarvis Elba, Opp, Ala.; Edward Elba, Elba; and Tom Elba, Brewton, Ala.; several nieces and nephews.

### NOTE OF THANKS

Words cannot express the gratitude and kind acts shown to us during the loss of our loved one.

### JACK EDWARD KEMP

Your calls, cards, foods, thoughts and prayers were grateful and appreciated. May God's rich blessings be with each and every one of you.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Linda,

At 36 years old and a lifelong resident of Elba, I have never written a Letter to the Editor. However, in light of all that has happened lately in our nation, I think it is time. When I see the American Flag in every yard, on every street, and in every city, I wonder what our founding fathers thought of the American Flag as they drafted the Declaration of Independence. They knew this act would drag young Americans into war with England. They also knew failure meant more than disappointment. Nevertheless, they needed a symbol, something to inspire a new nation.

Something to represent the seriousness, the purpose and conviction of a new idea of individual freedom. Something to live for. Something to die for.

It seemed as though over the past few years, our country had begun to crumble. The Bible that used to sit on the coffee table in every home in America had been replaced with the TV guide. "Surfing" used to be something you did in Hawaii, but now it can be done on the Internet in just about every home in America. And drugs used to be something we had to have a doctor's prescription to get, now you can get them on the street corners across America.

And just as our founding fathers did long ago, we needed something to reinspire our nation. We needed to rekindle the spirit and pride in each American heart because it seemed as though we had turned away from the basic moral values our country was founded on. Once again, we have found ourselves in need of something to live for. Something to die for. Something to inspire.

I don't know about you, but the events of Sept. 11, 2001 at 8:48 EST, has rekindled and re-inspired my sense of patriotism.

Yes, it has given me something to live for and something to die for because our flag is a sacred symbol that represents one nation, under GOD, indivisible.

Survivors include three sisters: Louise Miller, Brewton, Ala.; Lucille "L" Thornton, Montgomery, Ala.; and Addie Pearl Forbes, Opp, Ala.; four brothers, Osburn Elba, Elba; Jarvis Elba, Opp, Ala.; Edward Elba, Elba; and Tom Elba, Brewton, Ala.; several nieces and nephews.

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visible, with liberty and justice for ALL. If a picture is worth a thousand words, volumes will be written about the Patriotic Americans see those pictures of the firemen raising our American Flag up a damaged flagpole in the midst of all the rubble in New York as lowering her off the side of the Pentagon before the fires were even put out. But, if there is anyone who wants to "light up Ole Glory," stomp all over it, drag it through a mud hole, or spit on it to make some kind of "statement," I say let them do it, but only under one condition. They must get permission from a couple of people.

First, they must get permission from a War Veteran. Perhaps a Marine who fought on a piece of sand so small his mother couldn't even find on a map called Two Jims, where the passing of each night meant half of the troops would be dead the next morning. Or they could get permission from a Desert Storm veteran who stood proud to prevent a bloody dictator from raping and pillaging the small country of Kuwait. I don't have to wonder what any of these brave men and women would say if you ask their permission to burn the American Flag, but I invite you to ask anyway!

Second, they must get permission from an Immigrant. Someone who risks being punished by their government just for trying to flee their country so they can raise their family in a free and decent society.

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Maybe they should attend a ceremony to see someone finally receive their citizenship as an American citizen and hug the American Flag as their own. Feel free to ask their permission to drag the Stars and Stripes through a mud hole and stomp all over it. Go ahead. I dare you.

Last, they must get permission from a Mother. But not just any mother. They must ask a mother whose son or daughter gave his or her life defending the freedom of America. It doesn't have to be from war. It could be a fireman, police officer, EMS personnel or a FBI agent.







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# SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I guess the newness of being in high school has already worn off for our youngsters! When school started this year Melanie was always up and getting dressed by six in the morning, and could be heard rushing Mom out of the house so she could arrive at school an hour early. Last week, however, Melanie had to be practically rolled out of her bed and pushed out the door to simply get her to school on time. I know the cool mornings make us all want to stay in bed a little longer, but for Melanie I think it is more than the change in the weather. It is a change from being excited about going to school, and having to get up and go.

### ELBA TIGERS GET BIG WIN OVER OPP BOBCATS

The Elba Tigers put another streak to rest Friday night when they defeated the Opp Bobcats 21-7 for the first win over their neighbors from the "City of Opportunity" since the 1995 season. The Tigers missed out on a couple of chances to take charge early on and had to rally in the second half to claim the win, but it was obvious that the Elba Tigers were the better team on the field, and the scoreboard reinforced that belief by the time the game ended. The two rivals will not meet again in football for at least the next two years. However, for Ole bragging rights are with the Tigers!

The Elba offense rode the blocking of its big offensive line and the hard running of its stable of backs to roll up almost 300 yards in total offense against the physical Bobcat defense. Junior tailback Dougie Pierson had a big night with 181 yards on 21 carries, while the other two Tiger tailbacks chipped in with a total of 76 yards on 24 carries, giving Elba's three-pronged tailback tandem a total of 257 yards on 45 carries, an average of over five yards a carry. The Elba backs did run hard. However, much of their credit has to go to the offensive line led by Gavin Mauldin, Michael Reed and Patrick Tyson. The Elba linemen flattened their opponents on a number of occasions, and opened up some big holes all across the front of the Opp defense. Another weapon on offense was fullback Jason Curran, who punished the Bobcat defenders with big blocks on the corners. With the improved blocking of the Elba line and the hard running of its backs, it is easy to see why the Tigers are averaging over 23 points a game since their early season shut out in Straughn.

The Elba defense gave up some yardage at times, but always made the Bobcat backs pay for each and every yard, and are beginning to kick butt and takes names. The Tigers had struggled on defense in recent years and last year never even slowed down their opposition. This year the Tigers are playing aggressively on every play and are actually hunting out folks to hit. If you don't like to hit folks you can't play defense, and this year the Elba defense has shown it loves to play the game, and put the pads on anything that moves in a different color jersey.

I know Elba is still making some potentially fatal mistakes and has a lot of room to improve on both sides of the ball. However, this year's Tigers have improved by leaps and bounds in all areas and have the Elba fans talking football for the first time in years. Elba has needed a shot in the arm for quite a while to help it cope with the floods and the reduction in work force at its two industries, and this year's Elba Tigers are just what the doctor ordered. "C'mon guys, keep the medicine coming!"

### KINSTON AND ZION CHAPEL ENJOY WEEK #4 RESULTS

The fourth week of the high school football season is now history, and for the schools in the area it was a good week for two of the teams and not so good a week for the others. Here's a quick look back....

\*\*\* KINSTON (3-1) - The Bulldogs made easy work of the lowly Florala Wildcats and posted a 56-0 region win. The Bulldogs showed they could be effective passing as well as running the football, and that may come in handy very soon as Kinston gets into the meat of its schedule. Three wins are nice, but there is a lot of season left for the Kinston Bulldogs, and many more hurdles to clear.

\*\*\* ZION CHAPEL (1-3) - The Rebels scored for the first time this season and at the end had just enough as they slipped past the Anton Purple Cats 22-21. Zion Chapel was down big after being outscored 11-0 over its first three games, but all of those bad times are now in the past, and the Rebels could bounce back and be a spoiler in the region race. Don't count 'em out, these Rebels could set another ambush on just about any Friday night.

\*\*\* NEW BROCKTON (1-3) - The Gamecocks fell to 0-2 in region play with a 14-0 loss to Cottonwood, and all of the sudden the team that beat up on Zion Chapel in week #1 appears to be in trouble. New Brockton's offense must put some points on the scoreboard to take the pressure off the defense, and until that happens, the Gamecocks will always be just one or two mistakes away from another loss. There is a lot of season left, and none of it looks easy for the Gamecocks.

\*\*\* BRANTLEY (1-3) - The Bulldogs got shut out for the second time in four weeks and have now scored only nine points in four games. Brantley knew it would be in a rebuilding mode after years on top in the IA ranks. However, not even the biggest Bulldog doubter thought it would get this bad, this quick. Brantley's killer schedule will get a lot easier very soon, and if the Bulldogs can gain some confidence and learn how to score some points, they could still be okay in the region.

### QUICK KICKS....

\*\*\*The big news last week in high school football was the fight the week before between Blunt and LeFlore that resulted in a total of 44 players from the two teams being hit with a three game suspension and the head coach from Blunt almost being suspended for the remainder of the season. Blunt had enough players left to claim a win last week, but LeFlore lost, and the loss of 18 of its players had an obvious impact on the game. Fighting and unsportsmanlike acts have no place in any high school sports arena, and last week's suspensions might just prove that the people in charge have finally decided to take charge.

\*\*\* Just a couple of years ago the Florala Wildcats were winning big in the IA ranks and were a top ten team in the state. All of those accomplishments are now history, and the newest page in the Wildcat football history book will be one that fans would just as soon skip over. This season, Florala is off to an 0-4 start and has been outscored by a total of 180-13 in its four seasons in the state. Better days are coming, but for now things are at an all time low for the folks in Florala.

\*\*\* Barbour County claimed its first win ever in football last week by defeating Montgomery Catholic 12-7. Barbour County had posted an 0-13 record since the consolidation of Clayton and Louisville, while the players from Clayton had suffered through 69 straight losses, including a 56-game losing streak at the former Clayton High School. As long as the ball is shaped like it is now, it will always take funny bounces, and anything is possible.

\*\*\* Highland Home bounced back from its win over #1 Clay County Friday night by losing to Straughn 14-6. The Flying Squadron was bound to be a little down after the big win the week before, but nothing should be taken away from the effort of the Straughn players and coaches. It was an upset, but not one of the biggest by any stretch.

\*\*\* In one of the season's wildest games, Washington County rallied to down W.S. Neal 27-24. W.S. Neal owned a 24-0 lead after one quarter, only to see Washington County rally and score 27 second quarter points to grab a 27-24 halftime advantage. After the wild first half neither team was able to score in the second half, and Washington County got a leg up on the Class 3A, Region 1 crown.

\*\*\* Andalusia saw its record slip to 2-2 after a 31-26 loss to Bibb County. The Bulldogs got off to a fast 2-0 start and were talking about the playoffs, but T.R. Miller brought the Bulldogs crashing back down to earth last week, and Bibb County did little to help the Andalusia optimism. Andalusia may still win a lot of games and make the playoffs. However, the 'Dogs and their fans found out once again that two wins are just that - two wins.

\*\*\* Charles Henderson upped its record to 3-0 with a 12-8 win over Hillcrest, of Evergreen, and the close win might be just what the Trojans needed. The Trojan fans were ready to let their players take over for Troy State after their team's fast start, but after the narrow win over Hillcrest, maybe the Trojans and their fans will realize the season is still young and many challenges are yet to come.

\*\*\* Dathan High continued its stroll through its early season opponents with an impressive 24-3 win over Cairo. The Tigers were expected to have a solid team this season, and after four weeks they have done nothing to change anyone's mind. By the way, Cairo has one of the nation's most unique nicknames in Syrumakers. It is a long name and different to say the least, but a fun name to see.

### POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PLODS ALONG

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office early Sunday morning and said that while he was wiped out by a busy weekend of sports, he was still alive and well, and dropped off this week's high school predictions. The local guessper hit on 27 of 33 picks last week to move his yearly totals to 95-24, and before leaving declared the best is yet to come. Oh well, here are this week's picks....

### ELBA VS. FLOMATON

The Elba Tigers have sharpened their claws in recent weeks and have to be looking forward to this week's visit by the Flomaton Hurricanes. It was only a year ago that Flomaton blasted the Tigers 34-0 in a game that was stopped in the third quarter, and unless I miss my guess, this year's Tigers might be willing to finish that game after they take care of business Friday night. The road back continues....

### ELBA 22 FLOMATON 15

### NEW BROCKTON VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The New Brockton Gamecocks must rediscover their offense if they hope to put some more wins on their side of the ledger, and this week should have a chance to get well when they travel down to Hartford to tangle with Geneva County. Nothing will come easy for the Gamecocks, but win #2 appears just a day away.

### NEW BROCKTON 20 GENEVA COUNTY 6

### In prep volleyball action

It was another busy week on the court for the Elba High and Elba Junior High volleyball teams.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

### ELBA JUNIOR HIGH

The Elba Junior Tigers opened the week's action last Tuesday afternoon with a 15-6, 15-13 win over Dauphin, of Enterprise. Elena McCormick led Elba with 8 service points, while Kendall Stinson and Melanie Mularz both had 6 service points.

The Elba Junior Tigers also hosted Enterprise Junior last Tuesday afternoon and dropped a 15-5, 15-2 decision. Melanie Mularz and Kendall Stinson both recorded 2 service points.

The Elba Junior Tigers hosted Andalusia on Thursday afternoon and rallied to claim a 13-15, 15-4, 15-3 win. Melanie

### ELBA JUNIOR VARSITY

The Elba Junior Varsity Tigers opened the week on Tuesday with a home match against Dauphin, of Enterprise, and dropped a 6-15, 5-15 decision. Kristen Barnes and Ashley Gibson both had 4 service points for the JV Tigers.

The Elba Junior Varsity Tigers also hosted Enterprise

Junior, on Tuesday, and dropped a 13-15, 6-15 decision. Ashleigh Walden led the JV Tigers with 8 service points, while Ashley Gibson had 5 and Kristen Barnes had 4.

The Elba Junior Varsity Tigers hosted Andalusia on Thursday and posted an 8-15, 15-7, 15-6 win. Mallory Allen recorded 18 service points in the win, while Kristen Barnes added 6 points in the third game.

"Mallory Allen served 12 straight points in the third game," stated Coach Rhoades, "and it was a really great accomplishment for Mallory. Aynona Proctor was the leading server with 5 points, while Samantha Williams and Brittany Daniels both had 4 points.

"Serving was a huge part of the loss to Andalusia," said Coach Rhoades. "We were really having a difficult time from the serve line."

The Elba Tigers traveled to Luverne on Monday and posted a big 15-2, 15-3 win. Leading servers were Danna Ware with 9

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### KINSTON VS. BRANTLEY

The tables have turned for these two sets of Bulldogs this season as the 'Dogs from South Coffee County have been on the prowl, while the Crenshaw County 'Dogs have yet to break their chains. The momentum and excitement will all be on the Kinston side of the field Friday night, but Brantley has never backed down from a challenge and won't start this week. In a real dogfight....

### KINSTON 19 BRANTLEY 16

### ZION CHAPEL VS. G.W. LONG

The Zion Chapel Rebels got a big region win last week and can move atop the standings this week with an upset over in Skipperville. While the Rebels from North Coffee County did get a much needed shot of confidence last week, this week they will need a much needed shot to get past a very talented G.W. Long squad.

### G.W. LONG 34 ZION CHAPEL 6

### OTHER PICKS:

Anton 26 Florala 18

Washington County 41 Coffeeville 8

Luverne 27 Frisco City 8

Isabella 45 Lyman Ward 6

Leroy 55 McKenzie 0

Pleasant Home 27 Milly 15

J.F. Shields 29 Central 0

Pike County 47 Barbour County 6

Houston County 28 Cottonwood 13

Straughn 21 Georgiana 0

Highland Home 26 St. Jude 0

Houston Academy 17 Wickburg 7

Silcomb 27 Samson 16

Sou. Choctaw 49 McIntosh 8

Trinity 42 Catholic 0

W.S. Neal 34 Gulf Shores 7

Rehoboth 20 Abbeville 19

UMS-Wright 24 Andalusia 7

Ashford 30 Bullock County 16

Geneva 21 Dale County 14

Daleville 36 Headland 6

T.R. Miller 29 Hillcrest 14

Thomasville 14 Opp 10

Carroll 20 Southside 12

Eufaula 24 Northview 10

Greenville 22 Stanhope Elmore 20

Charles Henderson 28 Monroe County 7

Enterprise 17 Auburn 15

Prattville 48 Carver 0

Jeff Davis 21 Lanier 7

Central, PC 10 Dathan 8

R.E. Lee 24 Thompson 14

Opelika 56 Smiths Station 0

# SPORTS

Even record at 2-2 on young season

## Tigers claw past Bobcats 21-7

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers gave the Opp Bobcats a going away present Friday night as they pulled away in the second half to claim an impressive 21-7 win, in front of a large and noisy crowd at Tiger Stadium.

The win evened the Tigers record at 2-2 and gave Elba a win over Opp in the final meeting between the two schools after a century long series, while the Bobcats slipped to 0-4 with the loss.

Elba failed to move the chains on its opening series, but got its running game on track midway through the opening stanza and the Tigers marched to a first down at the Opp 22-yardline. Dougie Pierson and Todd Horstead combined to gain 50 yards during the 13 play drive, but the Tigers came away empty-handed when on fourth down a screen pass from Brandon Petty to Marcus Horstead fell far short of the needed yardage.

Opp began a drive of its own on the Bobcats ensuing possession, and Opp rode the running of Marquise Henderson and the passing of Justin Queen to reach a first down and goal at the Elba 7-yardline. A quarterback sack by Jason Curran and a big hit by Kyle English on an option play left the Bobcats facing a fourth down back at the 12, and Opp let the scoring chance go by the scoreboard when on the fourth down play a 30-yard field-goal attempt by Justin Queen fell left upright and fell back on the field.

The Tigers put the ball on

their 20-yardline after the failed field-goal attempt and this time marched 80 yards in seven plays to grab the lead!

A 53-yard scamper by Dougie Pierson on the first play of the drive got the scoring march off to a fast start, while the touchdown came on a 9-yard run by Quinton Moultry on a toss sweep. Marcus Henderson added the extra-point, and with 3:45 remaining in the second quarter Elba was ahead 7-0.

Elba regained possession at its own 9-yardline with 1:34 left in the half after a Bobcat punt and needed only to run out the clock to carry the lead in at intermission. The Tigers instead gave the ball back to the Bobcats on a fumble at the Elba 7-yardline and Opp quickly tied the score at 7-7 when Justin Queen passed to a diving Brock Kelley for a 12-yard Bobcat touchdown. Queen tacked on the extra-point, and with 1:18 remaining in the second quarter the two rivals were deadlocked at 7-7.

The Tigers began their first possession of the second half at the Elba 23-yardline following an Opp punt, and the Tigers promptly marched 77 yards in 10 plays to regain the lead. A 13-yard pass from Brandon Petty to Kyle English was a key play in the scoring march, while the touchdown came on a 22-yard dash by Dougie Pierson. The extra-point try was blocked, but with 5:16 remaining in the third quarter Elba had moved back on to 13-7.

Elba defensive back Kyle English intercepted Bobcat passes on Opp's next two pos-



Members of the Elba Athletic Club painted this American flag along the hillside in the South endzone of Tiger Stadium to honor the nation and those that gave their lives in the recent tragedies in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania.

sessions, and the Tigers cashed in on the second turnover by marching 43 yards in nine plays to extend their lead to 21-7.

A 14-yard gain by Dougie Pierson on fourth down and one kept the drive alive early, while another key play came on third down and 5 at the Opp 15 when Brandon Petty passed to Kyle English for an 8-yard gain. The touchdown came one play later on a 5-yard run by Pierson, and Marcus Henderson ran in with the two-point conversion as the Tigers moved ahead 21-7 with 3:37 left in the game.

Opp refused to quit and quickly moved to a first down at the Elba 27-yardline on a 26-yard pass from Justin Queen to Brock Kelley. However, the Tiger defense turned back the

### STATISTICS

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15	1st Downs
50-261	Rushes-Yds. 32-133
25	Passing Yds. 55
286	Total Offense 188
4-10-0	Passes 3-12-2
2/2	Fumbles/Lost 3/0
2-34	Punts-Ave. 4-32
6-60	Penalties-Yds. 6-44

## Elba hosts Flomaton in key Region clash

The Elba Tigers will be looking to claim their second straight home win and get a much needed Class 3A, Region 1 victory on Friday night when they host the Flomaton Hurricanes.

The Tigers will carry a 2-2 record into the region clash after wins over Samson 35-21 and Opp 21-7, and losses to Straughn 14-0 and Luverne 26-14. Flomaton will also bring a 2-2 state into the Friday night battle, having posted wins over U.I. Blacksher 45-6 and Gulf Shores 7-6, while losing to Excel 20-6 and Luverne 26-6.

"This will be our second region game of the season," stated Elba's Coach Mike Waters, "and after dropping our region opener to Luverne we really need to get a win if we are to reach one of our goals of making the playoffs. Flomaton will come in here with a 2-2 record, and while it is true they may not be quite as good as they were a year ago, they still have a mighty fine football team and it will take our best effort to claim a win."

"On offense they still like to run the wing-T and still have some very good backs and a big offensive line," added Waters. "They will come right at you and all of the sudden run a reverse and try to pop a back for a long run. Flomaton will come off the ball well in the line and can dominate up front, or they can go wide and hurt you around the corner. Last year they hurt us passing, and they can still go deep. Flomaton has an offense that can spotter for a little while and then break loose and score points. Over on defense they pursue real well and love to hit folks. They are very aggressive on defense and use their quickness well. They are hard to block and are solid in what they do."

"If we are going to be successful on offense we will have to be well balanced on offense and play smart, but aggressive on defense," said Waters. "Our linemen will have to maintain their blocks and be physical up front, while our backs will have to run hard and hold on to the football. We believe that we can move the football against any team on our schedule, but we have to put points on the scoreboard when we get the chance, and that has hurt us in our opening four games. On defense we have to make some reads on

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Claims second region win of season

## Kinston steamrolls past Floral 56-0



Kinston Bulldog receiver **Tim Whigham (20)** pulls in a touchdown pass during the Bulldogs' easy 56-0 win over Floral. The Bulldogs will travel to Brantley this week for a key region clash against the Brantley Bulldogs.

### Lady Bulldogs up record to 7-5 with volleyball win over Carroll

The Kinston High School Lady Bulldogs posted a 5-15, 15-2, 15-2 win over Carroll, of Ozark, last week to improve their record for the season to 7-5. Samantha Wambles had 3 aces and 12 assists to lead the Kinston offense, while Nikki Moore had 6 aces and 4 kills. Bridgett Marlowe had 1 ace and 4 kills and Hillary Sumblin had

2 aces. The Kinston defense was led by Hillary Sumblin with 9 digs, followed by Ashley Rushing with 7 digs, Bridgett Marlowe with 5 digs, Megan Piland with 5 digs and Mandi Loepe with 1 block.



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By Tony Kelley, Sports writer

The Kinston Bulldogs continued their assault on the scoreboard Friday night as they blasted the Floral Wildcats 56-0, in Floral.

The Bulldogs moved to 3-1, 2-0 in region play, with the big road win, while the loss kept the Wildcats winless at 0-4.

Kinston crossed the goal line a total of nine times, including two first quarter touchdown passes from quarterback Cody Sansom. Tim Whigham pulled in the first scoring toss from 19 yards out, while Jim Bedsole ran under the second touchdown pass from the 40-yardline.

In the second quarter Kinston got scores from Patrick Nelson on an 11-yard run and Jamie Lunsford added a score on a one-yard blast.

The Bulldogs scored three times in the third stanza, including a 35-yard scamper by Ryan Anderson, a 5-yard run by Todd Mock, and a 24-yard sweep by Lee Whigham. In the final stanza the Bulldogs again found the endzone, first on a 13-yard dash by Mock and later on a 42-yard sprint by Tim Whigham.

Kinston's Coach Gary Glass was again pleased with the Bulldogs' effort, stating, "Our defense was outstanding. Floral had minus 2 yards of total offense for the game."

The Bulldogs ended the night with 405 yards in total offense, including 320 yards on the ground. Leading the Bulldogs was Todd Mock with 82 yards on 8 carries, while Ryan Anderson added 76 yards on 11 carries. Cody Sansom hit on 3 of 6 passes for 82 yards.

Kinston will face the Brantley Bulldogs on Friday night in Kinston, and Coach Glass said the team would have to cut down on mistakes and penalties to be successful.

"We need to be in the ball game in the fourth quarter," said Glass, "and we will find out how good a team we really are Friday night against Brantley."

Kickoff Friday night will be 7:30 PM at the newly renovated Brantley Bulldog Stadium.

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Kinston Bulldog cheerleaders keep the Bulldog fans fired up during Friday night's big 56-0 region win over the Floral Wildcats.



Brantley quarterback **Channing Spivey (15)** passes deep downfield as **Brian Kervin (9)** provides protection. The Bulldogs will host Kinston Friday night in an important region clash.

### Southern Choctaw rolls past Brantley Bulldogs 33-0

By Greg Brunson, Sports writer

The Brantley Bulldogs made the long journey to Silas on Saturday night to battle the Southern Choctaw Indians, and playing without the services of several key starters, the youthful Bulldogs were simply no match for the potent Indian offense as Southern Choctaw rolled to a big 33-0 win.

Bernard McGrew returned the opening kickoff 78 yards to set the Indians up at the Brantley 7-yardline, and on the Indians first play from scrimmage McGrew covered the final yards to the endzone for the night's first score. The extra-point try failed, but with 11:19 remaining in the first quarter Southern Choctaw was already in command with a 6-0 lead.

On Brantley's first series Channing Spivey hit Terrell Burnett for a 35-yard gain, but a Bulldog fumble put an end to the early Brantley drive and set the Indians back up for another trip to the endzone.

Southern Choctaw marched 78 yards in only 4 plays following the turnover, with the touchdown coming on a 64 yard pass from Marcus Causey to Terrell McGrew. A two-point try failed, and with 8:52 remaining in the opening stanza the Indians' lead was up to 12-0.

Brantley's Michael Mitchell halted the next Indian scoring threat with a pass interception at the Bulldog goal line, and the Bulldog defender gave the Brantley fans a reason to cheer as he returned the interception 35 yards.

After an exchange of punts, the Indians' Thomas Hill recovered a Bulldog fumble at the

33-0.

Both teams were able to move the football over the final two quarters. However, neither team could find its way into the endzone, and at the final horn Southern Choctaw had the win

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Brantley fumbled the ball away on its next play from scrimmage to put the Indians right back in business, and Brantley Pearson went off right tackle from a yard out to score an Indian touchdown as the horn sounded to end the half. Pearson also added the extra-point, and at halftime Brantley left the field on the wrong end of a 33-0 score.

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# SPORTS



**HERE COME THE REBELS...** Zion Chapel Rebels were excited and confident last week as they took the field for their 22-21 win over Arton. The Rebels will travel to Skipperville this week to meet G.W. Long in a big region battle.

### Grab big region win

## Rebels run past Purple Cats 22-21

By Chris and Randy Winters, Sports writers

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their three week victory drought come to an end Friday night as they pulled ahead in the first half and held on in the second half to slip past the Arton Purple Cats 22-21, in Zion Chapel.

The win improved the Rebels' record to 1-3, 1-1 in region play, while Arton slipped to 0-4 with the loss, 0-2 in region competition.

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The wild offensive show slowed down in the second quarter, and while both teams were able to move the chains, neither was able to cross the goal line until late in the half when the Rebels' Michael Rayburn fielded a punt at the Zion Chapel 30-yardline and raced 70 yards for a touchdown.

The extra-point try failed, but with 2:58 remaining in the half Zion Chapel had extended its lead to 22-13.

The Zion Chapel defense turned back an Arton threat early in the third quarter on a pass interception by Wesley Grant. However, the Rebels turned the ball over on a fumble late in the third quarter at their own 14-yardline, and the Purple Cats quickly turned the turnover

into points, as they scored and added the two-point conversion to cut the Zion Chapel lead to 22-21.

Zion Chapel failed to move the chains on its next possession, but got the ball back midway through the fourth quarter on a pass interception by William Stewart, and Zion Chapel then ran out the clock to post the exciting 22-21 win.

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Zion Chapel's **Michael Rayburn (33)** heads outside an Arton defender for a big gain. Rayburn gained over 100 yards and returned a punt 70 yards for a touchdown to lead the Rebels to a big 22-21 region win over Arton.

**Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben**  
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Protect yourself from the sun's deadly rays

A deep, dark, tan is still sought by many Americans every year despite warnings from the medical community that too much direct exposure to the sun can kill us. Other than beach going sun worshippers, the southern outdoor enthusiasts probably runs as high a risk as anyone of falling victim to melanoma and other skin problems.

A doctor friend explained that as our skin tans it is producing extra pigment to try to provide a protective shield from UVA and UVB light. But a good tan will only afford one a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of approximately 4, only a fraction of the recommended 30 SPF.

Sunscreen with a SPF 30 or better will help protect you from the dangerous rays, but it is important to adequately cover all exposed areas. Sunscreen should be applied before going outside. If water sports are involved and you have been even partially submerged, reapply sunscreen after exiting the water. Excessive sweating can remove sunscreen just as being submerged. Reapply sunscreen every hour during periods of excessive perspiration.

As great as sunscreen is, it should not be relied on alone for protection. In most cases the common baseball cap does not offer adequate head and face protection. True, it's better than nothing, but a wide brimmed hat with adequate vents is best. If you ride a boat or ATV, select a hat with a chin strap, or make one with a pair of shoe strings. A favorite cap among southern coastal anglers that offers excellent protection is the long billed cap with a neck drape that covers the neck and side of the face.

They may not be stylish for fun in the sun, but a long sleeved shirt and long pants offer the best protection. Make sure the fabric weaves is tight enough to block the rays, but also offers adequate ventilation.

Two often ignored parts of the body are the feet and eyes. Canvas deck shoes will keep your feet from blistering, sandals will not. Sunglasses should have side shields or be of the wrap around variety with a UV block in the lens. Sun glasses are even more critical when fishing, boating, etc. as being exposed to glare of the water for extended periods can lead to increased risk of cataracts and other eye problems.

The National Weather Service issues a UV index, similar to the to people with sensitive skin if they are planning outside activities. Exposure to UV rays is greatest between 10 A.M. and 2 P.M. Try to minimize exposure during this period or take extra precautions, such as liberal sunscreen application, if you must be out during these hours.

Outdoor enthusiasts should learn to recognize the danger signs of melanoma. If you have a mole that's larger than a pencil eraser, has irregular borders and different colors, is asymmetrical, or any other changes in your skin, see a dermatologist immediately.

### Zion Chapel Junior Rebels remain undefeated

The Zion Chapel Junior High Rebels improved their record to 14-0 last week with a 22-8 win over the New Brockton Junior Gamecocks.

Zion Chapel missed out on a scoring opportunity early in the game on a pass interception at the New Brockton 5-yardline, but the Rebels got the ball right back on a punt and this time reached paydirt as they marched 43 yards to grab the lead. The touchdown came on a 1-yard run by Randy Harley and Josh Austin Smith on a 38-yard touchdown strike. The two-point try failed, but when the game ended 18 later, the Rebels left the field with the 22-8 win.

Zion Chapel regained possession at the New Brockton 38-yardline after a defensive stop, and added insult to injury as the first play of the possession Josh Smith hooked up with Austin Smith on a 38-yard touchdown strike. The two-point try failed, but when the game ended 18 later, the Rebels left the field with the 22-8 win.

New Brockton bounced right back following the Zion Chapel score and marched 65 yards to pull even at 8-8 with only 10 left in the half.

Zion Chapel failed to score on its initial two possessions of the second half, but came to life midway through the fourth

quarter and marched 50 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. The score came on a 5-yard dash by Josh Smith, and Randy Harley added the two-point conversion, as the Rebels regained the lead at 16-8 with 1:46



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public schools in the state were eligible to apply.

Elba High School was one of 51 schools from around the state to receive the grant.

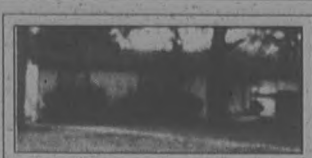
"This is a real accomplishment," said Weeks. "It says a lot about our entire city, and proves that we are all working together to improve our city and schools."

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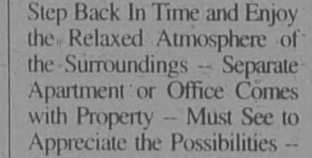
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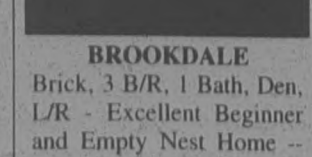
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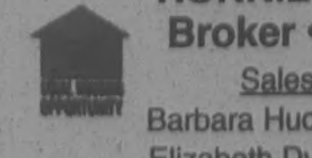
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THE ELBA CLIPPER • THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2001

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department with what we have done today," said Westbrook. "I expect to hear less complaints from the citizens about our sheriff's department."

With several sheriff's department employees present for the commission meeting, Westbrook's comments undoubtedly reflected the concerns raised by Randy Adkinson, a county resident living on Coffee County Road 719.

Adkinson addressed the commission earlier in the meeting concerning speeding on his road. "Roughly two months ago I came to you (commission) with a major traffic problem," said Adkinson.

The report indicated that nearly every day, there are vehicles traveling above the posted 45 miles per hour for the county road.

"We (residents) have not seen a sheriff's car on this road trying to stop this problem," said Adkinson. "My question is, is Benji Moates trying to help us or is he blowing us off?"

Adkinson reminded commissioners that the sheriff, himself, is a resident on County Road 719. "Everyday the figures reflect the same thing," he said. "Five weeks after the report was sent to the sheriff we still have no help. The figures don't lie."

Also addressing the commission during the Monday morning meeting was Loretta Fleming, a resident on Coffee County Road 706.

In her address, Fleming requested the paving of County Road 706.

"We just want to get on the

list," said Fleming.

With most of the road being within the city limits of Enterprise, the commissioners turned to the engineer to see where the issue stands.

Tindell said approximately one mile of the 1.5 mile road is within the Enterprise City Limits and all the residences are within the city limits. Therefore, he said the project needs to be a city project.

However, Tindell said the county had discussed with the mayor of Enterprise the idea of a shared project between the county and city to get the road paved.

Fleming said the enterprise city officials have said they are looking into the project.

In other business, the commission:

"Elected and approved a new chairman and vice-chairman for the next term. By secret ballot, the commission elected Tom Grimley as chairman and Linda Westbrook as vice-chairman. The term will begin at the first meeting of the commission in November. Westbrook currently serves as chairman.

"Approved the request of the administrator to apply for a grant for two cars for the sheriff's department. He said the county's match for the grant will be \$5,836, and the cars are fully equipped.

"Adopted a resolution which states the county will not tolerate terrorism and fully supports the president. The resolution is one that Mobley said all counties in the nation are being asked to adopt.

"Upon the request of Stephens, appointed Margaret Waters as manager of the Danvers Senior Citizens Center. He said the current manager, Kathleen Willoughby, has resigned from the position.

"Approved the motion of Commissioner Stephens with a 4-3 vote to appropriate \$24,000 from the county's surplus money - not the budget - to copy old records at the courthouses onto microfilm. The money appropri-

ated will allow \$12,000 for the courthouse in Elba and \$12,000 for the courthouse in Enterprise. Grimley, Thompson and Dalrymple voted against Stephens' motion.

\*Approved the leasing of 14.9 acres at the county's industrial park with an option to lease additional property to the Coffee County Stockyard at \$2,022 per acre over a 40 year period.

"In the event the Coffee County Stockyard accepts the above deal, the commission passed a motion to sell the land to the business after the 40 years in the amount of \$1. Commissioner Lewis voted against the motion saying he feels it is irrelevant because he does not think the business is going to like the lot chosen for them nor will they want to pay the price they are to be offered.

\*Awarded annual bids including: Prime (MC 70), Emulsified Asphalt (CRS-2 with Latex Rubber Additive) and Emulsified Asphalt to Hunt Refining Company of Tuscaloosa, Ala;

Crushed Stone, (delivered) to Southeast Materials of Birmingham; Crushed Limestone #75, #5 and #6 (picked up) to Martin-Marietta Aggregates of Birmingham; Class 1 Rip-Rap and Class 2 Rip-Rap (picked up) to Southeast Materials of Birmingham; Herbicide - Garlon 3A to Helena Chemicals of Dothan, MSMA to UAP Southeast of Kinston, 2-4-D to Timberland Enterprises of Auburn, Round Up, OUST, Rodeo and Garlon 4 to NaturChem West, Inc. of Mobile; Seeding, Fertilizing and Spreading to Coffee County Farm Co-op in Elba; Filter Blanket to Sherman Concrete Pipe of Dothan, All bids awarded were the low bid in each category.

"Upon the request of the engineer, tabled the annual bids for driving steel piling and rejected all bids for steel pipe. Also tabled a bid so the engineer could have time to get a demonstration which was asked for in the bid.

Troy State University held summer commencement on Aug. 10, 2001 with more than 240 students receiving degrees in a ceremony at Sartain Hall. 155 students received bachelor's degrees and 81 received graduate degrees in the ceremony. Local students that received degrees are: Rueben A. Moguel of New Brockton, Jacob Todd Grantham, Jamie Ray Whitworth, Jeffrey Lance McMillough, all of Elba received Undergraduate degrees. Karen Leigh Brabham also of Elba received a Graduate degree.

New Brockton's Metcalf is named to the Troy State Dean's List

Dr. Barbara Alford, Executive Vice President, has named students to the Dean's List for the 2001 Summer Semester at Troy State University. Dothan Undergraduate students receiving this honor must earn a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.66 on the university's 4.0 scale for 12 or more credit hours. Billy Joe Metcalf of New Brockton was among the graduates receiving this honor.

Troy State Writing Club wants work from area writers

Troy State University Dothan's Creative Writing Club is now accepting submissions for the 2001 Cooper Blade Review. The annual Cooper Blade Review. The annual literary collection is dedicated to showcase the writing talent of TSUD student and community writers; and is now in its sixth year of publication. The Cooper Blade Review will feature a sub-array of works with poems, short stories, essays, and short plays.

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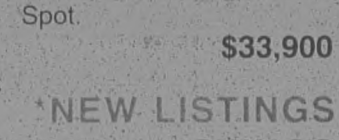
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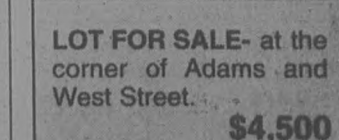
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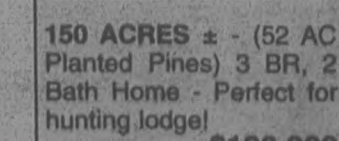
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Landscaped Lot.  
\$79,500



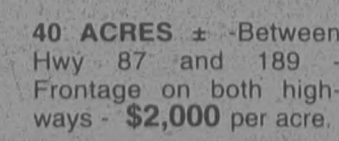
2400+ sq. ft. home on 3  
lots • Detached heated &  
cooled garage • Workshop  
• Fenced yard • 2-story  
playhouse • 3 BR 2 Bath •  
Beautiful oak cabinets  
\$129,900



IN TOWN Hwy. 84 E • 3BR  
- 2 Bath Brick Home with  
Basement  
\$68,900



150 ACRES +/- (52 AC  
Planted Pines) 3 BR, 2  
Bath Home - Perfect for  
hunting lodge!  
\$198,000



40 ACRES +/- Between  
Hwy 87 and 189 -  
Frontage on both high-  
ways - \$2,000 per acre.



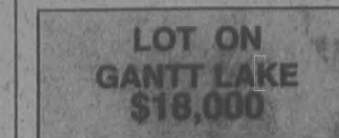
DO YOU WANT HORSES?  
Beautiful 10-Ac. Horse Farm,  
between Elba & Brantley.  
\$61,900



Sunset Blvd. • Completely  
Remodeled! • Interior &  
Exterior Freshly Painted •  
New Light Fixtures, Fans,  
Countertops, Ceramic &  
Hardwood Floors  
This is a beautiful Home!



Saddle Hill Community •  
10.59 Acres w/2,792 Sq.  
Ft. Home • Partially  
Renovate • Double Wide  
Mobile Home



LOT ON  
GANTT LAKE  
\$18,000



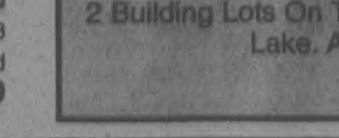
220 W. Davis •  
Commercial Bldg. • D-town  
• Concrete Parking  
Reduced to \$40,000



County Road 363 • 1998  
32x80 Mobile Home • 4 BR  
• 2 Baths  
\$46,900



1790 Highland Dr. Elba. 3  
BR, 2B, Deck, Fresh-painted  
interior.  
\$69,900



Lots For Sale  
2 Building Lots On Taylor Mill Rd., Past County  
Lake, App. 370'x150'  
\$15,000 each

